

WHEREAS; every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence. leaving countless friends, family members, and loved ones heartbroken and traumatized, and entire communities living in fear of experiencing or witnessing gun violence; and

WHEREAS; gun violence has serious implications for victims, survivors, and their communities, and includes, but is not limited to, gun suicides, gun homicides, domestic violence involving a firearm, officer involved shootings, and unintentional shootings; and

WHEREAS; after a year of increased gun sales, as well as the highest death toll from shootings and firearm-related incidents in 20 years, a widespread commitment to gun violence prevention in our country has never been more important; and

WHEREAS; no person should have to live in fear in their own home or at school, work, places of worship, movie theaters, or shopping malls, and protecting public safety in communities across Wisconsin requires acknowledging the pervasiveness of gun violence in our country, collaborating with affected individuals, groups, and stakeholders, and taking meaningful, bipartisan action; and

WHEREAS; more than 80 percent of Wisconsinites, including a majority of gun owners in our state, support the implementation of commonsense measures like universal background checks and extreme risk protection orders to keep our kids, our communities, and our state safe; and

WHEREAS; in January 2013, fifteen-year-old Hadiya Pendleton was shot and killed in a senseless act of gun violence in Chicago, and inspired by a group of her friends who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange, National Gun Violence Awareness Day and “Wear Orange” Weekend have been observed annually since 2015 to pay tribute to Hadiya and all other victims of gun violence in our country, as well as their loved ones; and

WHEREAS; by wearing orange and attending virtual events today and throughout this weekend, all Wisconsinites and all Americans have the opportunity to raise awareness of gun violence and honor every life that it has taken;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 4, 2021, as

## **NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**

and June 5 through 6, 2021, as

### **“WEAR ORANGE” WEEKEND**

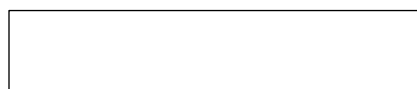
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State